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**Subject:** Accountability Contact Update (November 2025) -- Final Performance Frameworks and Accreditation Contracts

Hello Accountability Contacts --

 Wishing everyone a bountiful holiday next week! Before you head out, we wanted to express our thanks for all of your hard work. We are constantly impressed with everyone's thoughtfulness in implementing this body of work and commitment to serving students. Speaking of a bounty, we have a number of updates to share this month and a few potential action items. Thanks again for all that you do, Lisa and the Accountability & Continuous Improvement Team

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**[Informational] Finalizing School and District Ratings**

During the November 12 state board meeting, the state board finalized preliminary school and district ratings for all sites that did not elect to participate in the request to reconsider process. Based upon recommendation from the department on request to reconsider submissions, the state board is scheduled to finalize the remainder of performance framework plan types at the December 10 meeting. Public resources (e.g., [data tools](#)) are scheduled for release around 9am that same day pending state board approval. Final performance frameworks will also be made available in Syncplicity.

**[Potential Action] Accreditation Contracts**

For districts that had ratings finalized at the November state board meeting (e.g., did not participate in request to reconsider), 2025-26 accreditation contracts were made available to superintendents via DocuSign on November 12 if signatures were required this year (e.g., district rating of Turnaround, Priority Improvement, Improvement or Insufficient State Data, contract signed five years ago). The remaining sites will receive their contracts once the state board finalizes ratings in December. Contracts signed by the superintendent and the local board president are due to CDE by Wednesday, December 31. Districts with a new superintendent, new board president or that want their most recent rating listed are encouraged to update their contract and may do so by requesting a contract via email to [accountability@cde.state.co.us](mailto:accountability@cde.state.co.us). Please wrap this up before heading out for the holidays. For more information, [view the contract requirements and renewal process on the District Accreditation webpage](#).

### **[Potential Action] UIP Feedback**

Feedback for improvement plans submitted in October will begin to be available in early December. Feedback for plans reviewed by the department (i.e., Priority Improvement, Turnaround, On Watch, select ESSA Comprehensive Support Identification) will be released beginning the week of December 8. An additional communication with more detail will be sent to district UIP contacts on how to access feedback. As you look through feedback and make decisions about how to adjust plans and/or implementation, also feel free to reach out to the [School Improvement & Planning team](#) with questions and/or requests for technical assistance.

### **[Informational] PSAT/SAT Performance Frameworks Targets Set for 2026**

During the November meeting, the Colorado State Board of Education voted to keep the 2026 Performance Framework targets consistent with the 2024 and 2025 targets, including for overall ratings and at the sub-indicator levels. In response to Colorado's transition to the digital PSAT/SAT in spring 2024, the State Board adjusted accountability targets related to PSAT/SAT in 2024. Their decision was informed by feedback from a broad range of Colorado education stakeholders (thank you all that provided feedback!). Additionally, the State Board directed CDE to communicate with districts about a plan to re-evaluate PSAT/SAT sub-indicator targets next fall and explain the likelihood of increasing those targets. The 2026 Performance Framework Target Setting presentation slides are available on the [Board Docs website](#).

### **[Informational] WIDA ACCESS 2026 Score Reporting and Colorado Growth Information (from the 11/3 DAC Communication)**

This year's WIDA ACCESS assessments will reflect the [WIDA English Language Development \(ELD\) standards Framework, 2020 Edition](#). For more details on the assessment updates, see [Behind the Scenes of WIDA ACCESS](#). After the 2026 administration, WIDA is expected to report full score data on the usual timeline using current cut scores and performance levels. A standards setting will follow, with only minor shifts currently anticipated. Any cut score changes are scheduled to take effect in 2027.

CDE's Accountability Analytics Unit plans to run growth and On Track Growth (OTG) as usual, verifying that scale score relationships and OTG metrics remain consistent by comparing them to previous years. Minimal impact on 2026 growth calculations is currently expected.

**Note:** Colorado's growth calculations are separate from the WIDA consortium. For growth indicators provided by Colorado and included in school and district performance frameworks, please rely only on information communicated directly by CDE.

### **[Informational] Teaching and Learning Conditions Colorado (TLCC) Survey Launches Jan 21, 2026**

The survey launches statewide this winter to gain insight on staff conditions. Access code packets will be sent to Survey Coordinators a week before the survey launches on January 21st. Survey Coordinators were identified based on assigned CEA Association Representatives (AR) or the building leader. CDE and Panorama will be offering a training for Survey Coordinators and staff supporting administration on January 6 at 5pm. Results will be publicly released in April for sites with 50% participation and at least 5 respondents. Visit [www.tlccsurvey.org](http://www.tlccsurvey.org) for survey resources and access.

### **[Informational] Release of School-Level Learning Environment District Profile Reports this Fall**

In the May Accountability Contact communication, we mentioned that the [district profile reports](#) (i.e., a public dashboard that CDE manages involving measures related to the learning environment, including

chronic absenteeism, student discipline and behavior, school climate survey information, and mental health professional ratios) will be provided to district staff at the school-level this fall. The profile reports will be shared via Syncplicity, using the same access for designated accountability contacts. The reports will include data for each school in the district using the data that was submitted to CDE. The school level reports will not be posted publicly and are intended to support school and district planning. If you have questions about the profile reports, contact Jewel Sale at [sale\\_j@cde.state.co.us](mailto:sale_j@cde.state.co.us)

**[Informational] Release of 2024-25 Graduation/Completion, Dropout, and Mobility Data**

CDE will be releasing data from the 2024-25 school year in a number of different calculations in early January 2026. This includes graduation and completion rates, dropout rates, and mobility and stability rates. District data respondents have their own district's data currently. Embargoed data including all schools and districts will be shared with data respondents for the End of Year collection prior to release. Please reach out through the Student End of Year Collection inbox ([StudentEndOfYear@cde.state.co.us](mailto:StudentEndOfYear@cde.state.co.us)) with any questions.

- January 7: Embargoed data will be shared with district data respondents (not shared publicly).
- January 13: Embargo lifts: CDE will post data on it's webpages and will share highlights in a media briefing and press release.
  - All data will be posted on the Education Statistics pages for [Grad/completion, Dropout, and Mobility pages](#).